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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DAVID STEBBINS,

PLAINTIFF

VS.

Case 8:24-cv-01486-JVS-KES

JOHN DOE, d.b.a. "CMDR IMPERIALSALT" & "ZELLZANDER" DEFENDANTS

**MOTION TO SET HEARING, MOTION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR REMOTELY, AND**  
**MOTION TO REASSIGN CASE**

Comes now, pro se Plaintiff David Stebbins, who hereby submits the following Motion to Set Hearings in the above-styled action. I also move for leave to appear remotely in said hearings, and also for this case to be reassigned to a different judge who permits remote appearances.

1. When the case was pending in the Northern District, I had filed four motions:
  - Motion to Strike or in the Alternative for Partial Judgment on the Pleadings (Dkt. 54)
  - Motion for Partial Summary Judgment (Dkt. 55)
  - Motion to Set Scheduling Order (Dkt. 56)
  - Motion for Sanctions (Dkt. 63).
2. If the first two of those four motions (Dkt. 54 and 55) are granted in full, the only things that remain in this case to be litigated would be the extent of damages the Defendant owes me, as well as his counter-claim.
3. These motions were originally scheduled to be orally argued on July 12, 2024, but the judge transferred the case to this district. I ask the Court to set a new date for these motions to be orally argued. I ask the Court to set a much earlier date than it normally would, ideally as early as July 15, so as to minimize the delay caused by this transfer.
4. I also ask the Court for leave to appear for these oral arguments either by zoom or telephonically. Magistrate Judge Karen Scott permits telephonic appearance with leave of court, whereas District Judge James Selna does not. See <http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/judges->

schedules-procedures. If Judge Scott is the one who would hear the oral arguments and then prepare a Report & Recommendation for District Judge Selna, then there is no good reason why this leave should not be routinely granted.

5. If District Judge Selna is the one planning on hearing the oral arguments in the first instance, however, then he does not appear to permit remote appearances in any capacity. Even if Judge Scott grants leave to appear remotely this one time, we'd still have to work around Judge Selna's policy for the rest of the case.

6. For this reason, I ask that Judge Selna remove himself from the case and assign the case to a district judge who permits remote appearances.

7. District Judges Anderson, Bernal, Birotte, Fairbank, Fischer, Fitzgerald, Gutierrez, Keller, Pregerson, Snyder, Staton, Sykes, Walter, Wright, and Wu all appear to allow remote appearances as a matter of course.

8. Meanwhile, District Judges Gee, Aenlle-Rocha, Blumenfeld, Frimpong, Garnett, Hatter, Hsu, Kato, Kronstadt, Olguin, Wilson, all require in-person appearance by default but at least give parties the option to request leave to appear remotely.

9. So the Court has plenty of options it can assign the case to.

10. This request is not an attack on Judge Selna's impartiality or fitness to serve as a judge. It is merely an observation that his ways of conducting business make court access prohibitively expensive for me. There are no hard feelings with this request.

#### **Why I cannot appear in person**

11. The following are the reasons, both why Judge Scott should permit remote appearance, and also why Judge Selna should reassign the case (preferably to one of the judges listed in ¶ 7 above).

12. First, I am pro se and am proceeding in forma pauperis. See Dkt. 2. Making the trip to Los Angeles would be prohibitively expensive for me even in the best case scenario, but this is made even more prohibitive due to the fact that I do not have an automobile. For that reason, I wouldn't be able to attend in person even in my own federal judicial district.

13. Sometimes, the Courts may choose not to have sympathy for plaintiffs in this regard

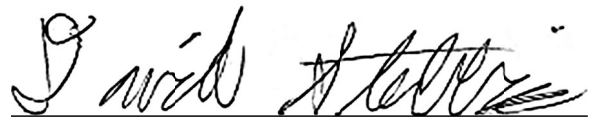
because, unlike defendants, the plaintiffs voluntarily threw themselves onto the mercy of the Courts. This case, however, is an exception to that rule. I didn't choose the Central District of California. I chose the *Northern* District of California for this case, and then the case was transferred over my explicit written objections.

14. When these motions were filed in the *Northern* District, they were all set for oral argument by video conference. See **Exhibits A**. So I should not be deprived of that convenience at this stage just because the case has been transferred.

#### **Conclusion**

15. Wherefore, premises considered, I respectfully pray that the aforementioned relief be granted.

So requested on this, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

  
David Stebbins (pro se)

# EXHIBIT A

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